

Finding Aid to the Dr. Paul F. Rice Photograph Album

Rice, Paul F., 1874-1948

Dr. Paul F. Rice Photograph Album, 1910-1913

191 photographic prints

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OVERVIEW

Link: Collection on Digital Horizons.

Access: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Institute.

Provenance: Album purchased on Ebay, Dick Kloubec Endowment, 2016 (Acc. 2016-045irs).

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BIOGRAPHY

Paul Fredrick Rice was born on February 10, 1874 in Disco, Michigan to Henry C. and Melissa (Sutherland) Rice. In 1892, he came to North Dakota to work as a doctor for the Indian Service. Along with his brother, Edward, he settled on a farm southwest of the town of Cannon Ball. His brother did not like that area, and didn't stay long. Paul returned to Michigan and got his PhD from Detroit College of Medicine in 1894. He married a widow, Emilie J. (Yates) Chapman, on May 19, 1899. Through this marriage, Dr. Rice became the step-father of two children, Maud and Douglas. The family returned to Cannon Ball around 1906, and in 1910 moved to Solen, N.D. where he worked as a physician, and rancher, raising registered Holstein cattle. Sometime between 1915 and 1917, Emilie died.

With the breakout of World War I, he was appointed Captain, in Officers Reserve Corps. He was assigned to 347th Infantry, 335th Field Artillery, and Camp Hospital No. 103. He was promoted to Major, on April 10, 1919. His primary stations were at Fort Riley, Kansas and Camp Pike, Arkansas. He served in France from Aug. 31, 1918 to Oct. 2, 1919. He was discharged at Camp Dix, N. J., on Oct. 22, 1919. He continued in the Active Reserves until 1945, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war he returned to Solen, and continued as physician. In 1920, he married Claire O. Des Jardins, a nurse he had met during the war. They had two sons, Paul, Jr., and Clair. Dr. Rice and his wife were active members of the Solen community. They served on the school board, and were active in the Republican Party. Dr. Rice was postmaster, Sioux County Coroner, Justice of the Peace, president of the

6th District Medical Society, supervisor of the first hospital in Fort Yates, active in the Red Cross, and members of the American Legion.

Dr. Rice was killed in a car accident on April 25, 1948, in Bessemer, Michigan. He was buried in the Utica Cemetery, Utica, Michigan. His wife continued to live in Solen until 1968, when she relocated to a nursing home in Bismarck, North Dakota. She died there on May 16, 1980.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The photograph album was discovered on Ebay and purchased for the Institute for Regional Studies Archives collection with funds from the Dick Kloubec Endowment. The album contains 191 snapshot photographs pasted onto the album pages. The original owner of the album was unknown, however some vague identifications on a few of the photographs point to the album belonging to Dr. Paul F. Rice, or one of his family members. The photographs appear to have been taken between 1910 and 1913. They cover various geographic locations in Sioux and Morton Counties in North Dakota, including the towns of Cannon Ball, Fort Yates, Mandan, Shields, Porcupine. A number of the photographs feature photographs of Native Americans dressed in full regalia at the Fort Yates Fair in 1912. There is also a set of photographs taken during the dedication of Fort Rice Historic Site in July 1913. There are also images of the Missouri River, automobiles, bridges, landscapes, various churches, homes, buildings, and what appears to be family photographs.

FOLDER LIST

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